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Title: Laser With Internally Coupled
Pump Source

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The remarks below are submitted in response to the non-final Office Action dated December 19, 2003, in the above-identified application.

REMARKS

The present application was filed on February 28, 2002 with claims 1-18. Claims 4, 10 and 15 were canceled by Applicants in their response filed April 16, 2003. Claims 2, 9, 13 and 18 were canceled by Applicants in their response filed September 29, 2003. Claims 1, 3, 5-8, 11, 12, 14, 16 and 17 are pending in the application, with claims 1 and 12 being the independent claims.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Initially, with regard to the rejection of dependent claims 6, 7, 11 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,456,637 (hereinafter "Holcomb") in view of